

CLAIMS:

1. An overcap 30 for use with a container 10 having a flexible end panel 18 closing one end thereof, said overcap including a peripheral depending skirt portion 32 for
5 adjustably positioning said overcap on an associated container, said overcap characterized by a central portion (36, 38) inwardly of said skirt portion being shaped to lie closely adjacent to the flexible end panel of the associated container for reducing the possibility of the end panel from
10 being separated from the container during retorting and/or impact loading.

2. An overcap as defined in claim 1 wherein said overcap is provided with an annular ring means depending from an underside of said central portion for providing rigidity to
15 said overcap and being disposed to contact the end panel of an associated container for restraining movement thereof.

3. An overcap as defined in claim 2 in combination with a container having a flexible end panel heat sealed along its periphery to a surface of said container, and said overcap
20 including at least one ring member engaging said end panel around its periphery for securing said end panel to said container.

4. An overcap as defined in claim 3 wherein said overcap includes depending means engaging said end panel inwardly of said peripheral portion for minimizing outward movement of said end panel.
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5. An overcap as defined in claim 4 wherein said depending means are comprised of leg members integrally molded with said overcap and depending therefrom.